

CRIJ-3305 Perspectives on Crime in America
Fall 2019: Tuesday/Thursday-12:30pm-1:45pm
COURSE OUTLINE

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*Or by appointment

Course Description

ASU Undergraduate Catalog Description

Topics for this course include American crime problems in historical perspective, social and public factors affecting crime, impact and crime trends, social characteristics of specific crimes, prevention of crimes.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Gain and comprehend each theoretical development, causal logic, empirical studies and criticism of the major theories.
- Develop skill in analyzing and comparing theories in light of the comprehensive theoretical knowledge.
- Apply the acquired theoretical knowledge to the contemporary social phenomena.

Required Text/Other Course Materials

Required Text: Barkan, S. E. (2014). *Criminology: A sociological understanding* (6th ed.). New York, NY: Pearson.

Supplemental Readings: Depending on class discussions and relevant current events, outside readings may be assigned.

Grading Policy

A student's final grade will be based upon the point breakdown below. You may approach me at any point during the semester, and I will provide you with feedback on your progress in the class. However, you will be given feedback with all assignments when they are graded and returned to you. Therefore, please "keep track" of your points throughout the semester.

<u>Grading Criteria</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>
Unit Exams (4 Total; 100 points each; Top 3 Best Scores Count)	300
Online Quizzes (5 Total; 20 points each)	100
Discussion Participation	100
TOTAL	500

Grade Breakdown: The final grades for the course will be assigned using the standard scale. Your total number of points will be averaged and letter grades assigned as follows:

A= 90% or Above
B= 80 to 89%
C= 70 to 79%
D= 60 to 69%
F= 59% or Below

Grade Tracking: All of your grades will be posted on the class Blackboard website. Please check the "grades" page often to keep track of your current class grade. If you think an error in your grade has been made, let me know ASAP. Errors need to be brought to my attention **within two weeks of submitting the assignment or receiving any other type of grade.**

1. **Unit Exams:** We will have 4 unit exams. However, I will drop your lowest exam score (i.e., your top 3 scores will count). If students are satisfied with their first 3 unit exam scores, then they do not have to complete the last exam. Exam questions can potentially take on any form (e.g., multiple choice, true/false, short answer, essay, fill in the blank, etc.). Also, I hold to right to administer exams either in-person during a scheduled class period or online. If an exam takes place online, it will be timed, and students must submit their exam within the allotted time period. Students must take the exam on the day that it is given. As a result of the lowest exam being dropped, no make-up exams will be given. Please note that exam questions can be related to *any* material assigned (e.g., even textbook material that is not extensively covered in class).

2. **Online Quizzes:** To help you study for exams (and earn easy points), **there will be 5 online quizzes for the semester.** Each quiz will be worth 20 points for a total of 100 points. These quizzes will be taken out-of-class and completed on Blackboard. They will be available Friday noon (12:00 pm) to Sunday midnight (12:00 am) on Blackboard. Once the quiz is opened and started, students will have two (2) hours to complete the quiz. The quiz will be locked after submission and after the two (2) hour time allotment runs out. Quizzes will consist of 20 multiple choice items, True/False, fill in the blanks question or short answer items (1 point each). Each quiz will be based on chapter readings, and materials covered from the class.
******Please note that there will be no make-up quizzes after they close on the class website.******

3. **Discussion Participation:** **Please note that participation and attendance is not the same thing.** There will be a short class discussion throughout the semester to facilitate students' critical thinking. A discussion question related to the topic of the class will be given either during and before the class. Students will have 5 minutes to write a short response to the question in class. **Students who submit their written answers will receive five (5) points. Additional (5) points will be earned by answering questions, asking questions, engaging in the ongoing discussion, and generally becoming regularly and fully involved and immersed in the dynamics of the class.** This discussion will be worth 100 points of the students' total grade. Short discussion answers and participation will not be able to be made up if that student did not attend that class.

Other Relevant Information

Due Dates

- Quizzes/Assignments will not be accepted after they close on the class website.

Exam Dates

- Each exam will need to be taken on the assigned day/time. Being that I drop the lowest exam score, no make-up exams will be given.

Class Blackboard Website

For this class, we will be using the class website throughout the semester. As a result, this will save you time and money (e.g., on paper/ink, etc.). We will be completing assignments on the Blackboard website itself. Finally, you will be able to easily keep up-to-date with your grades throughout the semester. Therefore, you will need to become familiar Blackboard and how it works. While we will discuss this in class from time to time, please contact the eLearning Center (elarning@angelo.edu, 325-486-6263) or see me with any questions/issue you have—I am happy to help!

A Note on Classroom Civility

While it is encouraged that you interact with your classmates in classroom discussions (whether formal or informal), it is expected that you will do so in a civil manner. Specifically, you will be expected to act appropriately and interact with your classmates and instructor respectfully. Students who do not display the appropriate amount of respect while in the classroom will be subject to a significantly reduced final grade and potential further discipline through the university.

Academic Dishonesty

As with any college course, plagiarism and cheating (in any form) will not be tolerated. If you are unsure about the definitions of plagiarism and cheating, you can consult with me privately and refer to Angelo State University's *Community Policies*. If a student is found to have cheated on an assignment, exam, etc. he/she will receive a grade of "0" for that grade and further disciplinary action may be taken through the university.

A Note for Students with Disabilities

Any student who has a disability should notify the instructor at the beginning of the semester (or as soon as possible). Also, it is recommended that you contact Angelo State University's Office of Student Affairs— Houston Harte University Center, Suite 112. Information regarding disability services at ASU can be found at <https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/apply-for-disability-accommodations.php>

Class E-mail

As an enrolled student, each of you was provided with a university e-mail. This e-mail will be the main form of communication for this class. Please check your e-mail frequently to receive important class information. Also, please use your university e-mail to contact me for anything that you may need. I will make every effort to return your e-mails promptly.

NOTE: Please put your name, CRIJ-3305 in the subject line of any e-mail that you send.

Cell-Phone Policy

During class time, please make sure that your cell phone is completely turned off or on silent mode. If a situation arises where a student may need to take an emergency phone call, he or she should contact me before the beginning of class. Unauthorized cell-phone use in class may result in a reduced participation grade.

Other Issues with Electronics

Recording of any kind is not permitted during class sessions without my permission. When permission is given, the recorded materials are for the sole use of the student related specifically to the class. Any additional use will result in disciplinary action. To have a successful class, students (and me) need to feel as comfortable as possible. Therefore, if someone is worried about a student using SnapChat or something during class, this hinders the learning environment—and it is just weird anyway!

This syllabus presents a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.

See next page for a tentative class schedule

Tentative Class Schedule

Please refer to the following pages for the tentative schedule for class. The dates and material are subject to change, depending on class progress. Students who miss class are responsible for finding out whether schedule changes have been announced. Students should read the material in the textbook before it is scheduled to be covered in class.

Date	Textbook Material	Notes
Week 1:		
Tuesday; 8/27	None	Introduction to class
Thursday; 8/29	Chapter 1	
Week 2:		
Tuesday; 9/03	Chapter 2	
Thursday; 9/05	Chapter 2	
Week 3:		
Tuesday; 9/10	Chapter 3	Quiz #1 (Due by Sunday 09/15/2019)
Thursday; 9/12	Chapter 3	
Week 4:		
Tuesday; 9/17	Exam Review	
Thursday; 9/19	Unit Exam 1 (09:00 A.M. ~ 02:00 P.M. NO CLASS)	
Week 5:		
Tuesday; 9/24	Chapter 4	Quiz #2 (Due by Sunday 09/29/2019)
Thursday; 9/26	Chapter 5	
Week 6:		
Tuesday; 10/01	Chapter 6	Quiz #3 (Due by Sunday 10/06/2019)
Thursday; 10/03	Chapter 6	
Week 7:		
Tuesday; 10/08	Exam Review	
Thursday; 10/10	Unit Exam 2 (09:00 A.M. ~ 02:00 P.M. NO CLASS)	
Week 8:		
Tuesday; 10/15	Chapter 7	
Thursday; 10/17	Chapter 7	
Week 9:		
Tuesday; 10/22	Chapter 8	
Thursday; 10/24	Chapter 8	
Week 10:		
Tuesday; 10/29	Chapter 9	
Thursday; 10/31	Chapter 9	
Week 11:		
Tuesday; 11/05	Chapter 10	Quiz #4 (Due by Sunday 11/10/2019)
Thursday; 11/07	Chapter 10	
Week 12:		
Tuesday; 11/12	ASC CONFERENCE NO CLASS	

<i>Thursday; 11/14</i>	ASC CONFERENCE NO CLASS	
Week 13:		
<i>Tuesday; 11/19</i>	Exam Review	
<i>Thursday; 11/21</i>	Unit Exam 3 (09:00 A.M. ~ 02:00 P.M. NO CLASS)	
Week 14:		
<i>Tuesday; 11/26</i>	Thanksgiving Break NO CLASS	
<i>Thursday; 11/28</i>	Thanksgiving Break NO CLASS	
Week 15:		
<i>Tuesday; 12/03</i>	Chapter 16/17	Quiz #5 (Due by Sunday
<i>Thursday; 12/05</i>	Chapter 18	12/08/2019)
Week 16:		
<i>Thursday; 12/12</i>	Unit Exam 4 (09:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. NO CLASS)	